

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Thomas et al. Group No.: 3652

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For: Multi-Purpose Vessel and Method for | Examiner: Janice L. Krizek

Recovering, Storing and/or Offloading

Material in a Dredging Operation

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

## HONORABLE SIR:

Responsive to the official communication of March 23, 2004, Applicant submits the following Remarks. It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Amendment. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 08-3460.